

National Recreation and Preservation/Statutory or Contractual Aid for Other Activities

JUSTIFICATION OF PROGRAM AND PERFORMANCE

Activity: Statutory or Contractual Aid for Other Activities
Subactivity: Saxton McKinley House (National First Ladies Library)

Program Component	1999 Estimate	Uncontr/ Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	2000 Budget Request	Change From 1999 (+/-)
Saxton McKinley House	300	0	-300	0	-300
Total Requirements \$(000)	300	0	-300	0	-300

AUTHORIZATION

Public Law 105-277 (112 Stat. 2681), the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999.

OVERVIEW

The **Saxton McKinley House** (National First Ladies Library) is the first facility dedicated to documenting the lives and accomplishments of America's 41 first ladies and other important American women in history. The building is significant as the only residence with direct historical ties to President William McKinley. Funding will be used to assist in operating the site.

APPLICABLE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE MISSION GOALS

- Ia Natural and cultural resources and associated values are protected, restored and maintained in good condition and managed within their broader ecosystem and cultural context.
- Ib The National Park Service contributes to knowledge about natural and cultural resources and associated values; management decisions about resources and visitors are based on adequate scholarly and scientific information.
- IIa Visitors safely enjoy and are satisfied with the availability, accessibility, diversity, and quality of park facilities, services, and appropriate recreational opportunities.
- IIb Park visitors and the general public understand and appreciate the preservation of parks and their resources for this and future generations.
- IIIa Natural and cultural resources are conserved through formal partnership programs.
- IIIb Through partnerships with other Federal, State, and local agencies and nonprofit organizations, a nationwide system of parks, open space, rivers, and trails provides educational, recreational, and conservation benefits for the American people.

Saxton McKinley House
FY 1999 Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments

Enacted: \$300,000

Public Law 105-277 provided technical assistance and support in FY 1999 in the amount of \$300,000. The Saxton McKinley House is owned by the National Park Service and houses the National First Ladies' Library. The library, founded in 1995, has an on-line bibliography that contains 40,000 entries including references to books, manuscripts, journals, newspaper articles, and other materials by and about each first lady. The website provides links to the White House, the Library of Congress and eventually to all the States whose first ladies are sponsoring web sites. The library

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was officially dedicated and opened by former First Lady Rosalynn Carter in June 1998. All of the first ladies serve on the library's honorary board, including Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Funding provided in FY 1999 will be used to expand the "virtual" on-line library and to hire qualified staff, such as a curator and librarian, in order to provide a higher degree of visitor services in response to the volume of people seeking to visit and use the resources of the library.

FY 2000 BUDGET REQUEST

	2000 Budget Request	Program Changes (+/-)
▪ Saxton McKinley House	0	-300

▪ ***Saxton McKinley House (-\$300,000)***: The NPS is requesting the elimination of funding for the Saxton McKinley House in FY 2000 to allow increased support for higher priority NPS programs. This site lacks clear authority for ongoing Federal support.